Six Facts on Agriculture



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multistate, mega-millions jackpot).
The death rate for farmers and ranchers in the US for 2006 was 37.1 per 100,000 workers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

1. The number of farms operating in the US in 2006 was 2.1 million.
2. Agricultural production is the 4th most dangerous type of work in Canada, behind mining, forestry and construction, according to Statistics Canada.
3. Drowning was the cause of 16 percent of US farm deaths involving young workers between 1995 and 2002 (NIOSH).
4. Incidents involving farm machinery caused 23 percent of young farm worker fatalities throughout the United States between 1995 and 2002 (NIOSH).
5. Fractures were the most common injury involving youths on American farms in 2006, accounting for 27 percent of farm-related injuries.
6. About 100 Canadians die from farm-related injuries each year, according to the Canada Safety Council.

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